

CHAPTER NO. 1006

HOUSE BILL NO. 2542

By Representative Kernell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2669

By Senator Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, relative to child custody and visitation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

IF a parent or other suitable person is awarded sole or joint custody of a child by a court pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; **AND**

IF such parent or person is subsequently arrested, confined or otherwise detained by law enforcement officials or a court of competent jurisdiction; **AND**

IF, as a result of the arrest, confinement or detainment of such parent or person, such child temporarily comes to the care and custody of the Department of Children's Services or any public or private agency, institution or home providing shelter care as defined in § 37-1-102(b)(22); **THEN**

Prior to the hearing required by § 37-1-114, such department, agency, institution or home must undertake reasonable efforts to provide adequate notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing to any other parent or person awarded joint custody or visitation rights by the court at the time the custody of the child was initially established.


SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 29, 1998


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18th day of May 1998


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

